America's Cup, FAI Free Flight, 2024

The purpose of the America's Cup Competition is to foster the development of flyers and models across North America in the FAI F1 (free flight). This coast-to-coast competition requires flyers to attend multiple contests each year in the United States and Canada in order to win. To this end the Southern California Aero Team has formulated the following rules:

1) America's Cup designated contests must be flown in accordance with the provisions of the FAI Sporting Code and as follows:

a) The events composing the America's Cup are: F1A,B,C,E,G,H,J,P,Q and S.

b) All contests must be scheduled and conducted in good faith for a minimum of 5 rounds to be scored. In the case of extenuating circumstances and noted in the contest results, contests with 4 completed rounds will be scored. Completed Fly-Off rounds are counted in the completed round total. First round max durations should be the current extended flight times as stated in the FAI Sporting Code The contest should have discreet rounds and should be flown from a launch line or boundary

c) A $30 US America's Cup Contest Sanction Fee is requested on or before April 1 of the current schedule year. Acceptable forms of payment are Money Orders or Checks made out to "SCAT or Jim Parker" and sent to the address below. Non-payment may result in the removal of the contest from the following year's schedule.

d) The maximum number of America's Cup contest is 36. The SCAT America's Cup Administrator will recommend changes to designated contests to the SCAT Club after careful consultation with contest organizers and FAI competitors in the USA and Canada. The preferred method of making changes to the designated contests is for the active clubs and participants in the affected region to submit the recommended changes.

e) AmCup contests that requires rescheduling prior to the published date (the AMA primary sanction date) a 21-day advanced notice is recommended, and a 12-day notice is required for World Cup contests with the organizer making widespread notification on social media (such as SCAT Electronic News (SEN) and Facebook) as soon as possible. Special attention shall be made to avoid conflict with other AmCup contests in the region. Rescheduling of non-World Cup (local) contests are allowed within the 12 days of the published date with the organizer making a good faith effort to notify via social media and direct contact (email, phone call) to those known to travel long distances to the contest. The use of a reserve day as part of the AMA sanctioned primary dates and published in contest bulletin are encouraged to maximize the opportunity to complete contests.

f) Contestant eligibility is restricted to residents of the United States, Canada and Mexico. The residency of a person means the place where a person lives for at least 185 days prior to the start of the America's Cup cycle for which they desire eligibility. This residency is based on employment status and/or personal ties; in the case of a person not working in North America, a close link between that person and the place where they live must be demonstrated. New residents should contact the Administrator to establish eligibility. Other foreign competitors are not considered in the quantity of entries or in the individual scores.

e) Local rules in exceptional circumstances

i.) Must not change the model specification

ii.) Should be published in bulletins (SEN, NFFs etc.) preferably in advance of entry

iii.) If after entry, contest organizer must notify all competitors prior to the start of the affected round

Flights flown to local rules that do not meet the above rules will not be scored.

2) Any number of designated contests can be entered.

3) Deleted

4) The highest scores from a maximum of four contests will be counted with the following criteria. The total score may include two scores from one site only; all other scores must come from different sites, that is, the scores must come from at least three sites. For F1E the site rule does not apply. Points will be scored only if the contest was flown to the minimum number of rounds as stated in section 1b. Points are scored as follows:

1st place 25 points, 2nd place 23 points, 3rd place 21 points, 4th place 19 points and 5th place 17 points

5) Extra "Bonus" points are scored on the number of contestants in an event:

1 to 4: 0 points
5 to 6: +1 point
7 to 8: +2 points
9 to 10: +3 points
11 to 12: +4 points
13 or more: +5 points

6) Contest ties must be settled, or else the competitors receive the lowest score possible. For example, if three tie for first place and the ties are not settled, then each of the three receives the third place score (21 points plus bonus points. Contest ties are to be broken in a sporting manner, in which the event's models are flown. The preferred method is the completion of the contest using a standard flyoff. In the case of exceptional circumstances, a single flyoff flight at a later time or the results of a future contest may be used. The flyers are responsible for arranging a suitable tiebreaker. The results of the tiebreaker are to be documented in writing (e-mail), and agreed upon by the participants. If attempts at breaking the tie are ultimately unsuccessful, the America's Cup Committee is responsible for adjudication. Ties must be broken within 90 days of the contest or by the conclusion of the first AmCup contest of the following year, whichever is sooner, or the scores will remain as ties with the lower score recorded.

7) Ties for first place in the final scoring are settled by counting 5 contests in totals or more if necessary, Rule 4 not used. If this does not settle a tie, then taking the scores from the five best contests and multiplying by the total number of contestants in the 5 contests in the competitor's event determines the winner.

8) For contests with fewer than 5 entrants, full points will be awarded as per Rule 5. In the case of only one entrant, 25 points will be awarded only if all conditions of these rules are met and the contestant flies in a sportsman-like manner.

9) 'Entry' means a flyer registered before the first flight start time and made at least one official flight.

10) Points are scored on the calendar year basis. The America's Cups 1st place perpetual awards and 1st place trophies will normally be awarded at a banquet on Saturday night of the Max Men 14 Round International Contest in California. Also, certificates for the first five places and for Junior High Point will be awarded. SCAT will pay for the Cups to be shipped to the winners who are unable to attend. However, it is the responsibility of the winners to have their names engraved on the placard and return the Cups to the America's Cup Administrator in time for the next Awards Banquet. If Cups must be shipped, it is the responsibility of the winners to insure the America's Cups for $500.00 US.

11) Contest Directors are required to send full contest results. Please include all contestants, all round scores with indication of all FAI Junior entries and non-AmCup entries (foreign flyers) in each event to Jim Parker, email within two weeks of the event. Contest results should also be sent to SCAT Electronic News SCAT Electronic News (SEN) <sen@faifreeflight.org>

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